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AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.115)

Please enter the following amendment:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 34-39 and add new claims 40-46 as follows:

40 (Formerly claim 34). A tackifier for binding particulate matter into a covering on a soil surface, consisting essentially of:

- a. a synthetic polymer selected from the group consisting of polyacrylamide, polyacrylate, and a co-polymer of acrylate and acrylamide;
- b. a natural organic material associated with said synthetic polymer; and

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